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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POINT DIFFRACTION INTERFEROMETRY

described and claimed in the specification:

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- *a. ☐ attached hereto.
b. ☒ filed on **March 18, 2004** as Application Serial No. **10/802,840**

This application discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my or our earlier filed pending application, International Application No. **PCT/JP02/10003**, filed **September 27, 2002**, benefit of the filing date of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-297902 filed on September 27, 2001

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